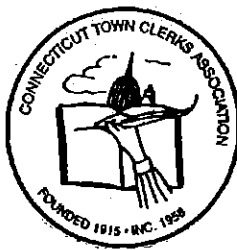


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Senate Bill 1126, An Act Concerning Land Records.

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General Assembly's Judiciary Committee

Good morning Senator McDonald, Representative Lawlor and the distinguished members of the Judiciary Committee, my name is Sandra Russo-Driska, and I am testifying on behalf of the Connecticut Town Clerks Association (CTCA). I am the immediate past president of the Town Clerk's Association and the Town Clerk of Middletown. I am here today to testify in support of Senate Bill 1126, "An Act Concerning Land Records."

Our Association sincerely appreciates this committee raising **Senate Bill 1126** for consideration. This important legislation addresses several issues. First, is to make minor technical changes to certain land records statutes to amend the last few statutes that call for manual marginal notations for certain liens and judgments that were inadvertently omitted from PA 07-252. These changes are required to implement the electronic recording of land records as authorized in the Uniform Real Property Electronic Recording Act, PA 08-56, adopted last session.

As you may recall, PA 07-252 provided that a manual notation of a release, partial release or assignment shall not be required if such town clerk provided public access to an electronic indexing system that combined the grantor index and the grantee index of the town's land records. The act also provided that not later than January 1, 2009, each town shall be required to provide such public access to that electronic indexing system. We are happy to report that on January 1, 2009 there was 100% compliance by all 169 CT Towns with this provision.

The second issue this legislation addresses is to make the minor change to require that the Condominium Resale Certificate be recorded on the land records instead of just filing it with the Town Clerk's Office. This piece of legislation also is required to implement the electronic recording of land records as authorized in the Uniform Real Property Electronic Recording Act, PA 08-56.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify, I would be pleased to take any questions that you may have at this time.